

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendments and remarks submitted herein. Claims 19-21, 30, 32 41, 56-58 and 80 are amended and claim 52 is canceled. Therefore, claims 18-21, 30, 32, 40-41, 56-58 and 80-82 are pending.

After the paragraph appearing on page 60, lines 23-27, an additional paragraph has been inserted, which recites "In another embodiment, the polymer covers all or a portion of the surface in a thickness of about 0.5 μ m to about 2.0 mm." Support for this amendment can be found in original claims 20 and 57.

The paragraph appearing on page 41, lines 29-20 and page 42, lines 1-14 has been amended to recite "In another embodiment, the active agent is disassociated from the polymer over a period of about 2 days to about 2 years." Support for this amendment can be found in original claims 21 and 58.

Applicant asserts these amendments do not constitute new matter.

Telephonic Interview Summary

Applicant would like to thank Examiner Blessing Fubara for the courtesy extended during the telephonic interview of 27 July 2010. Examiner Fubara, Robert J. Harris (attorney of record) and Katherine Krueger participated in the phone call. The instant application, documents cited by the Examiner and Applicant's July 13, 2010 response to the April 13, 2010 Final Office Action were discussed generally. Examiner Fortuna requested the specification be amended to include the language of original claims 20, 57, 21 and 58. Additionally, the Examiner requested the word "first" be deleted from the phrase "first polymer" in claims 19-21, 30, 32 41, 56-58 and 80. Finally, the Examiner requested the cancellation of claim 52.

The above account is believed to be a complete and accurate summary of the telephonic interview as required by 37 C.F.R. §1.133. If the Examiner believes that this summary is inaccurate or incomplete, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner point out any deficiencies in her next communication so that Applicant can amend or supplement the interview summary.

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CONCLUSION

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's Representative at the below-listed telephone number if there are any questions regarding this Response or if prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3503. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extension fees to Deposit Account 50-3503.

Respectfully submitted,

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